

Senate Bill 463

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 27-2-3.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to archery and primitive weapons hunting licenses, all weapons hunting licenses, sportsmen's licenses, license card carrier requirements, and creation of lifetime sportsman's licenses, so as to provide for veterans' lifetime sportsman's licenses and fees therefor; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 27-2-3.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to archery and primitive weapons hunting licenses, all weapons hunting licenses, sportsmen's licenses, license card carrier requirements, and creation of lifetime sportsman's licenses, is amended by striking subsections (e) and (f) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(e)(1) The requirements in this title for procuring any license, stamp, or permit for noncommercial hunting and fishing privileges shall be satisfied by a resident or nonresident who procures a lifetime sportsman's license.

(2) An applicant for such license who is a resident shall, prior to the issuance of the license, provide satisfactory evidence of residency.

(3) An applicant for a veteran's lifetime sportsman's license shall, in addition to satisfactory evidence of residency, be required to provide satisfactory evidence that he or she served more than 90 days of federal active duty military service and was honorably discharged.

(4) An applicant for such license who is a nonresident shall not be eligible for issuance of such license unless he or she is under 16 years of age and is the grandchild of a resident who holds a valid paid lifetime sportsman's license. The resident grandparent who holds such a lifetime sportsman's license and who is the sponsor of a nonresident

applicant for a lifetime sportsman's license must certify the nonresident applicant's relationship to him or her in writing to the department.

(5) For purposes of procuring a lifetime sportsman's license, the term 'residency' means a domicile within Georgia for a minimum of 12 consecutive months immediately prior to procuring such license. Satisfactory evidence of residency shall consist of a current Georgia driver's license or official Georgia identification card issued by the Department of Driver Services and at least one of the following:

~~(1)~~(A) A voter registration card;

~~(2)~~(B) A copy of the prior year's Georgia income tax return;

~~(3)~~(C) A current Georgia automobile registration; or

~~(4)~~(D) A warranty deed to property at the same address as is displayed on the Georgia driver's license.

Minors under 18 years of age shall be presumed to be residents upon proof of parent's residency as provided for in this Code section. For purposes of procuring the Type I (Infant) lifetime license, a certified copy of the birth certificate of the licensee shall be required.

(f)(1) Lifetime sportsman's licenses and fees for residents shall be as follows:

(A) Type I (Infant), available only to those individuals under two years of age: \$200.00;

(B) Type Y (Youth), available only to those individuals from two through 15 years of age: \$350.00;

(C) Type A (Adult), available to those individuals 16 years of age or older: \$500.00;

(D) Type SD (Senior Discount), available to those individuals 60 years of age or older: \$95.00; and

(E) Type S (Senior), available to those individuals 65 years of age or older: no charge; and

(F) Type V (Veterans), available only to those individuals who served more than 90 days of federal active duty military service and were honorably discharged: one-half of the amount of the fee specified for Type A lifetime sportsman's licenses in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.